Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of the Claims

1. **(currently amended)** In a DEX enabled vending machine having a vending machine controller with a DEX interface and a multi-drop-bus interface, an enabling device for enabling electronic payment for products dispensed from said vending machine and for communicating information between said vending machine and a remote computer, said Enabler comprising:

    a wireless data network transceiver connected ~~linked~~ to said DEX interface;

    a card reader for entering credit card account information; and

    a micro-controller in communication with said transceiver and connected to said multi-drop-bus interface.

2. (original) The vending machine according to claim 1, further comprising a display.

3. (original) The vending machine according to claim 1, wherein said credit account reader is selected from the group consisting of: a magnetic swipe reader, a keyboard, a personal identification number pad, a microphone, and a bio-metric device.

4. (original) The vending machine according to claim 1, further comprising at least one of a speaker and a microphone.

5. (original) The vending machine according to claim 1, wherein said transceiver is operated on a wireless network selected from the group consisting of: a circuit switched cellular network, a packet radio network, narrowband PCS, broadband

PCS, a CDPD network, a satellite network, a CDMA network and a TDMA network.

6.   (Canceled).

7.   (Canceled).

8.   (currently amended) A system for managing information from a vending machine comprising:

a remote computer having a database for storing information obtained from a DEX enabled vending machine, said remote computer in communication with a computer network;

~~a wireless data network in communication with said computer network~~;

a DEX enabled vending machine including:

a vending machine controller for managing operation of the vending machine and having memory for storing information related to the operation of said vending machine and information related to at least one of the inventory of vended product and sales of the vended product, the vending machine controller having; a DEX interface for transferring audit data from said vending machine controller, and; a multi-drop-bus for connection of peripheral devices to said vending machine controller; and

an Enabler device comprising:

a wireless data network transceiver connected ~~linked~~ to said DEX interface;

a card reader for entering credit card account information, said reader in communication with said transceiver; and

a micro-controller in communication with said transceiver and connected to said multi-drop-bus interface.

9.　(original) The system according to claim 8, further comprising a display.

10.　**(currently amended)** A system for managing information from a vending machine comprising:

a remote computer having a database for storing information obtained from a vending machine, said remote computer in communication with a computer network;

a wireless data network in communication with said computer network;

a vending machine including:

a vending machine controller for managing operation of the vending machine and having memory for storing information related to the operation of said vending machine and information related to at least one of the inventory of vended product and sales of the vended product,~an~ a DEX interface for transferring audit data from said vending machine controller, and a multi-drop-bus interface for connection of peripheral devices to said vending machine controller; and

an Enabler device including:

a wireless data network transceiver linked to said DEX interface;

a card reader for entering credit card account information, said reader in communication with said transceiver; and

a micro-controller in communication with said transceiver and connected to said multi-drop-bus interface said-vending-machine-controller.

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11.-19.(Canceled).

20.   (currently amended) A method for managing information from a <u>DEX enabled</u> vending machine comprising:

sending a <u>command</u> ~~first request~~ from a remote computer <u>over a wireless network</u> ~~on a computer network~~ to a remote <u>DEX enabled</u> vending machine <u>having a DEX port</u>, said <u>command</u> ~~request~~ comprising <u>one of:</u>

<u>a first procedure for resetting data on said vending machine, wherein DEX data fields are cleared and said DEX port is disabled;</u>

<u>a second procedure for auditing data on said vending machine, wherein DEX data is sent back to the remote computer, and</u>

<u>a third procedure for configuring data on said vending machine; and</u>

~~for vending machine data stored in a database in said vending machine and said first request is sent to said vending machine via a wireless data network;~~

<u>carrying out said procedure on said vending machine</u>

~~forwarding said data from said vending machine to said remote computer in response to said request.~~

21.   (Canceled).

22.-36. (Canceled).

37.   (currently amended) A computer readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing a method comprising:

sending a <u>command</u> ~~first request~~ from a remote computer <u>over a wireless</u>

network ~~on a computer network~~ to a remote <u>DEX enabled</u> vending machine <u>having</u> <u>a DEX port</u>, said <u>command</u> ~~request~~ <u>comprising one of:</u>

<u>a first procedure for resetting data on said vending machine, wherein DEX</u> <u>data fields are cleared and said DEX port is disabled;</u>

<u>a second procedure for auditing data on said vending machine, wherein</u> <u>DEX data is sent back to the remote computer, and</u>

<u>a third procedure for configuring data on said vending machine; and</u>

~~for vending machine data stored in a database in said vending machine and said~~ ~~first request is sent to said vending machine via a wireless data network;~~

<u>carrying out said procedure on said vending machine</u>

38.   **(Canceled).**

39.   **(Canceled).**

40.   **(currently amended)** In a point of sale device having a controller and an enabling device for enabling electronic payment for purchases from said point of sale device and for communicating information between said point of sale device and a remote computer, said Enabler comprising:

a wireless data network transceiver <u>connected</u> ~~linked~~ to <u>an auditing</u> ~~an~~ interface of said <u>point of sale device</u> controller<u>, wherein said auditing interface at</u> <u>least transfers data from the controller;</u>

a card reader for entering credit card account information, said reader in communication with said transceiver; and

a micro-controller in communication with said transceiver and <u>a master-</u>

slave controller ~~said~~ interface of said point of sale device controller.

41.   (**currently amended**) A system for managing information from a point-of-sale device comprising:

a remote computer having a database for storing information obtained from a point of sale device, said remote computer in communication with a computer network;

~~a wireless data network in communication with said computer network;~~

a point of sale device including:

a controller for managing operation of the point of sale device and having memory for storing information related to the operation of said point of sale device and information related to purchases of a product and/or service,~~;~~

an auditing ~~an~~ interface for transferring data from said controller, and~~;~~

a master-slave controller interface; and

an Enabler device in communication with said remote computer via said computer network, the enabler comprising:

a wireless data network transceiver linked to said auditing interface;

a card reader for entering credit card account information, said reader in communication with said transceiver; and

a micro-controller in communication with said transceiver and connected to master-slave controller interface ~~said controller~~.

42.-50. **(Canceled).**